

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

Claims 2-12 (Cancelled).

13. (New) A reel tine for attaching to a carrier tube of a reel, said carrier tube includes a cross-wise bore forming two attachment bores and, in the area of the two attachment bores, arranged on one bore axis and extending through the wall of a carrier tube, has two sink portions directed inwards, a screw connecting the tine to the carrier tube, the reel tine comprising

a rod-like raking-in portion with a front contact face;

an attachment portion unitarily formed with the raking-in portion from plastic material, said attachment portion having a recess and an abutment face for abutting the carrier tube, said abutment face including a first bore portion starting from said abutment face, a second bore portion for receiving the threaded shaft of the screw extending from the first bore portion;

a connection sleeve having a first sleeve portion, said first sleeve portion accommodated in the first bore portion, and said connection sleeve having a second sleeve portion, insertable into an attachment bore of the carrier tube.

14. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the connection sleeve has a collar separating the first sleeve portion from the second sleeve portion, said collar projecting radially from said connection sleeve.

15. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the raking-in portion has on its face facing away from the front contact face at least one reinforcement rib, said at least one reinforcement rib starting from the attachment portion and ending in front of a free end of the raking-in portion.

16. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 15 wherein two ribs are provided starting from the attachment portion and extending in a direction towards the free end approaching one another.

17. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 15, wherein the height of the at least one rib decreases in the direction towards the free end of the raking-in portion.

18. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the width of the contact face of the raking-in portion decreases towards the free end of the raking-in portion

19. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the tine is made from an elastic plastic material.

20. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the tine is made from a polyamide material (PA), a polyoxymethylene material (POM) or a polypropylene material (PP).

21. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the connection sleeve is made from metal, especially steel, or a tough plastic material.

22. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein the attachment portion has grooves at its two side faces for accommodating the end of a profiled strip.

23. (New) The reel tine according to Claim 13, wherein a profiled strip is formed on the attachment portion at one of its sides;

    said profile strip laterally projecting from the attachment portion, said attachment portion has on the other side faced facing a groove for accommodating the profiled strip of a neighbouring reel tine.

24. (New) A reel tine for attaching to a carrier tube of a reel, comprising:

    a rod-like raking-in portion;

    an attachment portion unitarily formed with the raking-in portion from a plastic material, said attachment portion having a recess and an abutment face, said abutment face abutting the carrier tube, and a groove on at least one side face of said attachment portion; and

    a profiled strip, said profiled strip to be arranged between two neighbouring reel tines and at least one end of said profile strip to be accommodated in the groove.

25. (New) The reel tine according to claim 24, wherein the attachment portion has grooves on both side faces.

26. (New) The reel tine according to claim 24, wherein said profiled strip is formed on one side of the attachment portion, said profiled strip laterally projecting from the attachment portion and said attachment portion has a groove on the side face facing away from the profiled strip, said groove for the accommodating a profiled strip of a neighbouring reel tine.